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## STATE CANNOT PAID WAYWARD GIRLS

Present Plan for Home Not Constitutional, Says Williams.

## WILL LEAD FIGHT IN HOUSE TO-DAY

Delegate From Giles Points Out Alleged Legal Defects in Bill, Which May Be Sent Back to Committee for Amendment. Divorce Measure Still Live.

That the bill extending State aid to the proposed home and school for wayward and incorrigible girls is unconstitutional, is the argument which will be advanced to-day on the floor of the House by Judge Martin Williams. It will be the contention of the member from Giles, who is regarded as one of the best parliamentarians in the Legislature, that the bill in its present form cannot become a legal enactment. Section 141 of the State Constitution provides that "no appropriation of public funds shall be made to any school or institution of learning not owned or exclusively controlled by the State or some political subdivision thereof." Inasmuch as the projected Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls will not be under the control of the State or of any county or city, it is the positive judgment of Judge Williams that the bill cannot pass.

**Money Raised for School.** Certain public-spirited citizens, seeing that no provision is now being made to save the lives of law-breakers and to train them in useful pursuits to become producing and satisfactory members of society, have contributed quite a large sum to be used in founding a home and industrial school. A large part of the money was raised in Richmond, and contributions are now being solicited from other cities. The plan is to secure sufficient funds with which to build and equip the institution, and then to have the State appropriate money for its maintenance. The bill now pending, and which comes up on its final passage to-day, provides that the sum of \$100,000 shall be paid to the school out of the State Treasury for each girl committed to it by the judges of courts.

**Under State Control.** It is further contended that the home will be a sort of penal institution like the Laurel Reformatory. To this the answer is that if such is its nature, and if it is to be under the control of the courts, it should be sent by the courts, but would be thrown out by them, the only course will be a recommendation to the Committee on Finance for amendment.

The constitutional question does not waive Judge Williams' objection to the appropriation itself. He opposes any expenditure of money, no matter how praiseworthy a purpose, by the Legislature at this session, unless it is a matter of necessity.

Those who favor the bill will probably be out in full force at the Capitol this morning.

**Divorce Bill Up.** Next to the school bill (always providing, of course, that nothing new is foreseen concerning it) is the divorce bill, about which a good deal of a shindy has been kicked up within the past day or two. It is understood that an effort will be made to have the bill sent back to the committee. The members of the committee said last night that they had not considered it in open session, and didn't want to go through with the same thing again.

These two measures are not the only interesting things ahead in the House this week. Aside from a number of important committee hearings, some bills which are likely to provoke debate are on the calendar. Right next to the divorce bill is the measure providing for the employment of special counsel for the Commonwealth in the State debt litigation with West Virginia. There is believed to be little doubt of its passage. It has already passed the Senate.

**Other Debatable Matters.** There may be something to say on the bill amending the act relating to the sale of commercial fertilizers; on the bill enlarging the powers of the State Board of Health; on the omnibus bill for the sterilization of leprosy patients; and on the bill making persons ineligible for the position of division school superintendent who are not residents of the district.

If the Senate ever gets to a vote on the Fletcher bill there may come some lively debates in that body. It is rumored that on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the constitutional amendment prolonging the sessions of the General Assembly, was passed, there may be more than one change of vote. But the Senate has a bunch of local and unimportant bills upon which action will be pressed.

Most of the routine work of the Legislature is at an end. The debates and the real fights are yet to come.

**Burns to Death With Tank.** Jacksonville, Fla., February 6.—Second Engineer Harry Hammond, of Savannah, Ga., was burned to death at 4:30 o'clock this morning, when the tug Martha Rollen, owned by Captain R. M. Ross, of this city, was burned to the water's edge, while moored at the pier, foot of Ocean Street.

## DESERTED, TRIES TO DIE

Florence Schenck Wilcox Attempts Suicide in London Hotel.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] London, Feb. 6.—Florence Schenck Wilcox, the beautiful Norfolk, Va., girl who eloped four years ago with Charles H. Wilson, manager of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's stable, attempted suicide Friday night in a West End hotel by taking chloral. She was saved from death only by an overdose, and is not yet out of danger. She is under the care of doctors and trained nurses, who will not permit any one to see her, and who will not say whether she will live. She was found at 3 o'clock Saturday morning in her room. The attendants of the hotel were attracted by her cries, as she was suffering excruciating pain. A doctor was hurriedly summoned, and worked over her until daylight. Finally she rallied, and this morning was somewhat stronger. She suffered a severe relapse to-day, however, and to-night was not so strong; her heart action showing the effect of the drug. It is said that she has been deserted by her husband and was dependent.

## PAULHAN MAKES FLIGHT

Goes Into the Air Before 30,000 Spectators.

New Orleans, La., February 6.—Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, made three short flights late to-day in a Farman plane at the City Park race track before 30,000 spectators. He ascended to a maximum height of 800 feet, and circled several times about the course, remaining in the air twelve minutes during his longest flight. The ascents were without unusual features.

Upon his arrival in New Orleans to-day, the aviator was met by a delegation from the French societies, headed by the French consul, Veran De Joux, who accompanied him to a local hotel. A reception in the city will take place here for the next four days.

## J. F. ONG A SUICIDE

Wilmington Contractor Kills Himself in Augusta Hotel.

Augusta, Ga., February 6.—J. F. Ong, one of the most prominent contractors in this section, placed a pistol in his mouth in a hotel at a local hotel last night and tore off the top of his head. The hotel people knew nothing of his self-destruction till this morning. The incident during his longest flight. The ascents were without unusual features.

## DANCES IN SNOW AT 115

Barefooted Retired Gypsy Queen Joins in Celebration by Tribe.

Cleveland, O., February 6.—Aurora Mary, retired gypsy queen, who says she is 115 years old, danced the barefoot in the snow with the other members of her tribe during the celebration of her birthday at a local hotel last night. She had gone into the room to work done by him in a nearby town. He was a citizen of Wilmington, N. C.

## MRS. KLEIN A HEROINE

Saves Three Children, Also Her New Sonnet From Flames.

Cleveland, O., February 6.—Her hair entwined in a man's coat and three small children clapped in her arms, Mrs. Solomon Klein appeared in the doorway of a blazing tenement at 810 East 12th Street to-night, and was acclaimed a heroine. The firemen had announced that all were safe when Mrs. Klein appeared.

## MURDERER ENDS HIS LIFE

He Had Defted Sheriff's Posse from His Barred Room.

Walker, Minn., February 6.—Walter J. McDonald, who had been defying the sheriff's posse since Thursday night, when he barricaded himself in his house, after shooting Howard Sexton, committed suicide by shooting. Sexton died at 10 o'clock this morning. McDonald was shot by the posse at 10 o'clock this morning. McDonald was shot by the posse at 10 o'clock this morning.

## LITTLE HOPE FOR CREW

Probably Drowned While Seeking Aid for Fellow-Sufferers.

Seattle, Wash., February 6.—Little hope is entertained that the five men who went with Second Mate Gus Swenson to seek aid for the shipwrecked passengers and crew of the steamer Farallone will be heard from. When Swenson and his crew left the ship a fearful storm was raging, and the water was full of ice. The latest news from the rescue party, received January 23, at that time they had been out seventeen days, and had not been seen.

## PATIENT KILLS SURGEON

Heavy Man Rolls Off Operating Table and Fatally Strains Dr. Woodruff.

Long Beach, Cal., February 6.—The strain of supporting a 200-pound patient, who had rolled off the operating table, burst a blood vessel in Dr. William Lawrence Woodruff's lungs, and the surgeon died shortly afterward. Dr. Woodruff's views on the simple life and Spartan methods of raising children had made his name known throughout the country. He had practiced his theories on his infant children, who thrive on coarse food and ice baths, and the wearing of only a single garment even in the coldest weather.

## POPE PIOUS REFUSES TO SEE FAIRBANKS

Compels Him to Choose Between Vatican and Methodists.

## CHOICE BARS HIM FROM AUDIENCE

Catholic Head, Angered at Proselyting Methods of American Church Workers, Declines to Receive Former Vice-President, Who Deplores "Narrow Jealousies."

Rome, February 6.—The visit of Charles W. Fairbanks, former Vice-President of the United States, to Rome brought about a very delicate situation, owing to the fact that he wished to pay his respects to the King, the Pope and the American Methodist Church. Incidents of this kind are not infrequent, and extreme care has to be exercised by those upon whom the arrangement of the audience falls, in order to avoid offending the susceptibilities on either side.

By tactful arrangement, Mr. Fairbanks' audience with King Victor Emmanuel was fixed for Saturday, and that with the Pope for Monday, and every thing seemed satisfactorily planned. The Vatican suddenly announced that it would be impossible for His Holiness to receive the former Vice-President if he carried out his announced intention to speak in the American Methodist Church here, because the Methodist Church had been active in proselyting among the Catholics. Negotiations were immediately begun with a view to avoiding any unpleasantness, and in these negotiations prominent Vatican officials took part. Mr. Fairbanks finally declared that although he was animated by a strong desire to see the Pope, he would withdraw from his promise to deliver an address before the American Methodist Church.

## Dinner in His Honor.

Mr. Kennedy, factor of the American College, gave a dinner at noon in honor of Mr. Fairbanks. The table was decorated with American flags. Among those present were 144 American students, the largest body of Americans that has attended the institution.

At the American Methodist Church Mr. Fairbanks' address acquired exceptional importance because of the incident with the Vatican, and it is looked upon as his final answer to the conditions imposed upon him relative to his audience with the Pope. During the course of this address he said:

## COUNTRY IS SHIVERING

Cold Weather Equals Season's Record.

New York, February 6.—Intense cold, driven to the bone of man and beast by a cutting wind, gripped the East to-night, in New York City, tempered as it is by surrounding water, the mercury stood at one degree below zero at midnight, equalling the low record for the season.

A forty-mile gale swept New York and vicinity to-day, and the day and night, driving pedestrians into the streets, causing great suffering to those who are exposed. The city streets were practically deserted to-night.

An unidentified man was frozen at Buffalo, while off Atlantic City a tramp steamer was forced to anchor because of the gale.

The cold was moderating as it extends South, reached as far as Florida, where frost was experienced.

## READY TO CELEBRATE

Tampa Prepares to Be Joyful Over Panama Canal.

Tampa, Fla., February 6.—With British Ambassador James Bryce and Mrs. Bryce, Vice-President Zayas, and Cuban aviators met with the most notable aviators in the country entered, with no less than six conventions in United States cavalry, artillery and infantry commands, and a portion of the South Atlantic fleet in the bay, the Panama Canal celebration will open here next Saturday for a period of ten days.

## MRS. FORD'S LAWYER MAKING THREATS

Says Another Trial Means Investigation of Big Four.

## HE PROMISES NEW SENSATION

Will Ask Legislature to Take Hand in Scandal—Jury Fails to Agree in Case of Alleged Blackmailing of Defuncting Railway Treasurer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cincinnati, Ohio, February 6.—After twenty-four hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, charged with blackmailing Charles L. Warriner, defuncting local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged.

Judge Swing stated after his dismissal of the jury that he had been informed that the jury had failed to agree on the verdict. He said that the jury had heard the testimony of the witnesses, and that he had no doubt that the jury would reach a verdict. He said that he had no doubt that the jury would reach a verdict.

The moment the report was read, Mrs. Ford, who sat in the courtroom awaiting the return of the jury, half rose to her feet and then sank back to her chair in a complete nervous collapse. A doctor was summoned, and she was revived and took her home in a carriage. She later told members of the press that she had hoped for an acquittal; that all last night she sat by her window and prayed for a favorable verdict. She said that she was naturally disappointed because of her anxiety over the result of the trial. Her attorneys both say that if the trial is called again she will be acquitted.

The unexpected end to the sensational case was explained by two of the jurymen. One of the jurymen said that a majority of their colleagues refused to give any credit to the testimony of Warriner. They asserted that a man who had confessed to embezzling for twenty-five years would not hesitate to perjure himself against a woman whose husband had been the cause of his exposure.

Prosecutor Hunt announced to-night that he expected to bring the woman to trial again within the next three weeks. At the same time he intimated that he might abandon the case.

If Prosecutor Hunt brings the same charge against Mrs. Ford and prosecutes the case, Mrs. Ford's lawyer, William F. Ford, will go to Columbus and lay before the Ohio General Assembly certain facts now in his possession, which will bring the case to a head. He will bring the case to a head. He will bring the case to a head.

Mr. Thornbury said here this afternoon that he would ask the Legislature to take hand in the scandal. He said that he would ask the Legislature to take hand in the scandal. He said that he would ask the Legislature to take hand in the scandal.

## MAY WITHDRAW OFFER

Rumored That Proctor Will Not Give \$500,000 to Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., February 6.—It was rumored here to-day that the offer of \$500,000 made by William C. Proctor, 33, of Cincinnati, for the Graduate College of Princeton University, had been withdrawn by the donor. The rumor was made with a view to bringing about a change in the offer. It is said that the offer was made with a view to bringing about a change in the offer. It is said that the offer was made with a view to bringing about a change in the offer.

## REPUBLICANS FEAR THEY WON'T AGREE

Dread Results of Rival Inquiries Into High Prices.

## INVESTIGATION IS PURELY POLITICAL

Leaders See That Agitation of Cost of Living Will Figure in Campaign, and They Are Determined to Patch Up Their Fences.

Washington, D. C., February 6.—Whether the Senate and House will conduct rival investigations into the causes of the high cost of the necessities of life is a question that concerns the Republican political leaders more deeply than any other problem now before Congress. If both bodies conduct such an examination they fear that different conclusions may be reached, and that such differing reports on the eve of the congressional elections would be likely to prove embarrassing to the Republican majority.

Nevertheless, the Republicans of the Senate and House are determined to order such an inquiry and conduct it with the utmost dispatch, regardless of the views of the House leaders on the subject.

The Lodge resolution, which was reported from the Senate Committee on Finance, has been amended so as to provide for a committee of seven Senators, and it probably will be reported to-morrow from the Committee on Contingent Expenses. The enlarged committee will give Senator Elkins an opportunity to serve as one of the investigators, if he cares to do so, and will call on the Republicans in favor of the inquiry. There is no possibility that the investigation proposed by the House Committee on Ways and Means may not be ordered, but no decision has thus far been reached.

That the inquiry will be virtually political in character is admitted on every side. The Republicans concede that the agitation over the cost of living will play a prominent part in the congressional campaigns, and they show no disposition to disguise their purpose to "fix up their fences."

Especially they want to seem to refute charges that the tariff is responsible for the increases. The Republicans have brought forward the theory that the expensive methods used by American merchants in advertising and distribution of their goods is largely responsible for the high prices. They will try to show that there is a wide difference between wholesale and retail prices, and that the tariff is not responsible for these differences.

Practically no interest is being taken by either branch of Congress in the committee hearings on the administration of the creation of a court of commerce and amending the railroad laws. Open sessions have been held, but few members of Congress have taken the trouble to investigate the progress, and even the members of the committee have not shown the least interest in such legislation. There is a disposition to pass the bill in about the form in which it was presented by Attorney General Wickham. The hearings are little more than perfunctory.

Friends and enemies of ship subsidy legislation in the House are lining up for a sharp fight. There is nothing to indicate when a vote may be had on the bill, however. Legislation of this character has never been successful in the House, although it has passed the Senate on several occasions.

## VITAL QUESTION INVOLVED

Paris Property Owners May Sue Utilities Companies for Damages.

Paris, February 6.—An exceedingly important question has been raised relative to the pecuniary responsibility of the public utilities companies for individual flood damages. In the case of the Orleans and Western Railroads and the Metropolitan Subway, experts agree that the tunnels constructed below the level of the Seine, which were converted into raging torrents during the flood, were the direct cause of the inundation in numerous streets of cellars of houses which otherwise would have escaped.

## EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

Reckless Driver Sends Car Too Close to Tunnel in Tunneling Works.

Phoenix, Ariz., February 6.—Headless of the warring of a foreman in charge of excavating operations along the line of the private motor road from Tucson to the Ray Copper Mines, the motorman of a gasoline car, containing six passengers, ran his car close to a smoldering fuse of a heavy charge of dynamite to-day, and the car and its seven occupants were blown to atoms. The dead:

J. B. Joyce, L. A. S. Bleher and J. C. Griffin, all civil engineers, employed by the Ray Consolidated Copper Company; R. P. Coleman, of Salt Lake City; W. H. Freeland and Walter C. Frenz, mining engineers, employed by Henry Krumb and engaged in sampling the development work at the Ray Mines; and W. H. Lyall, motorman of the car.

The foreman had discovered a missed shot in the excavation at noon, and before the motor car came in sight he had relighted the fuse. As the car approached he signaled to the motorman and warned him of the impending explosion. Motorman Lyall, believing that he could take his car past the charge to safety, paid no heed to the warning and started again at full speed.

## IRISH ARE SPLIT

Party Dissection Proves England's Most Absorbing Topic.

London, February 6.—The split in the Irish party appears to be one of the most interesting features of the political situation in the London morning. The investigation has been made to William O'Brien by one of the constituents that an attempt should be made to adjust the party differences from conclusions of the round table conference, consisting of Mr. O'Brien, E. Redmond, Cardinal Logue, Archbishop Walsh and others. The leader of the independent Nationalists determined to determine the position of the Board of Erin were first removed from their position as masters of the funds and liberties of the Nationalist party.

In a long letter to the Daily Telegraph this morning Mr. O'Brien further explained the reasons of his friendly campaign was undertaken solely with the purpose of saving his friends from the machinations of the adherents of the Board of Erin, or the "Molly Maguires," who had obtained entire control of the Irish League and party.

In the taunt of the "Molly Maguires" that his success was due to support of the Protestants, Mr. O'Brien declares that is ridiculous, because the Protestants in those parts are constituted in which his friends triumphed. He, however, welcomes a protestant support his friends received. He said that the efforts of himself and his friends were to the face of almost impossible odds, to secure generous treatment for them, to complete the removal of the Protestants from the Irish League, and so on. He said that the Protestants were a mere question of settlement between Protestant and Catholic Irishmen.

## STILL CLAIM VICTORY

Managua Dispatches Say Government Won Battle.

Managua, N. C., February 6.—Reports of government victory at Santo Domingo, which were received here according to official dispatches from General Vasquez, every sixth man among the insurgents was either killed or wounded. Among the casualty list on the government side are Captain Parinelli, killed, and Colonel Alvarez, killed, and Captain Navaro, wounded. Navaro formerly was governor of Managua and it was he who executed orders of the gagging, shooting and torturing of political prisoners.

## Way to Capital Open.

Washington, D. C., February 6.—The way to Managua is now open to the revolutionists in Nicaragua, according to a cable received here to-day by the Estrada government. The message says there are no obstacles to the advance of the insurgent army into the capital of the country.

## INVENTORS TO COMBINE

Will Hold a Congress in Rochester in June—Want a New Standard.

Rochester, N. Y., February 6.—The International Congress of Inventors will open in this city on March 12 and continue for five days. Several of the most prominent inventors of the country will be present to attend, and some of them will bring with them devices for exhibition. Vice-Chairman C. L. Hunter, of the Trunk Line Association, has been elected president of the association of the country. The association has decided to give reduced railroad rates to the members who desire to attend.

## WRITING CARNEGIE 88 TIMES

Church Got \$125, but Wondered if Carnegie Really Wanted to Give It.

St. Louis, February 6.—Eighty-eight letters to Andrew Carnegie, asking him to buy an organ for the Cote St. Louis church, were written in the last eight months. Carnegie had sent a check for \$125 last night from the philanthropist.

## NEW QUARTERS FOR RICHMOND COLLEGE

Committee on Site Recommends Removal to Westhampton.

## TRUSTEES READY TO ACT THIS WEEK

General Belief Is That Deal Has Been Closed—Present College Grounds, Valued at \$600,000, to Be Put on Market. Plans for Greater Institution.

Although no official announcement will be made until after the meeting of the board of trustees on to-morrow, it is practically certain that the removal of the college to Westhampton will be recommended by the trustees of Richmond College.

Long ago the trustees expressed opinion that it was desirable to secure new quarters for a greater institution. It was not until a few months ago that the trustees, under the leadership of George McDaniel, its chairman, began negotiations with the owners of Westhampton property with a view of locating the college there. It was said yesterday that the trustees had been prepared to make a decision on the matter, but that they had not yet reached a final decision. It is now known whether or not the trustees have finally voted on the change at the meeting this week. All indications, however, point to a speedy settlement of the matter unless there should happen to be some unexpected development.

While dealing with the Westhampton syndicate the committee has neglected other questions, conference having been held with officers of the Virginia Railway and Power Company to determine just what schedules a service will be provided after the extension of car tracks, and the general development of the tract.

From what can be learned everything has progressed most satisfactorily, and the general belief is that the deal will be closed within the next ten days or two weeks, provided, of course, that the trustees of the committee's report and adopt it.

**Site Worth \$600,000.** To uproot Richmond College, as were, and shift it to other quarters, would open a new era in the real estate deals in the West End. The present college site being valued at \$600,000 without a single building. There is hardly sufficient space there now for the new buildings and equipment. Moreover, business men on the board of trustees are of the opinion that it is a poor policy to remain on a site which is so valuable, especially when the interests of the college can be served elsewhere and for less money. The college property extends 800 feet along West Broad Street, and is valued at \$300,000. It is in the hands of a real estate man as the most desirable residential section of the city, and in which property value has increased remarkably during the past twelve months. The fund derived from the sale of these properties would be used to purchase a new building, and the college would be able to purchase a new building, and the college would be able to purchase a new building.

Nobody connected with the Westhampton syndicate or the college could be seen for comment yesterday. It was said that the syndicate had not the deal had been tentative, closed, subject only to approval by the trustees. The general good feeling, however, indicated rather pointed that the negotiations have been successful, and that the removal of the college to Westhampton is a matter of fact. The matter has gained wide publicity of late, especially in real estate circles, and the market, both at Westhampton and around the present college site, is certain to be affected by a substantial or bullish way.

In the big campaign more than a year ago \$100,000 was raised in Richmond for a Greater Richmond College. This sum being only a part of the \$500,000 endowment. The agreement was that \$100,000 would be used to purchase the present site, and the rest of the money would be used to purchase a new building. The trustees of the college are now in the hands of a real estate man as the most desirable residential section of the city, and in which property value has increased remarkably during the past twelve months. The fund derived from the sale of these properties would be used to purchase a new building, and the college would be able to purchase a new building.

## BABIES COMING FAST

So Many Cherubs Appear That Estate Cannot Be Settled.

St. Louis, Mo., February 6.—Babies are arriving so fast in the homes of heirs of the late William A. Hargadine that the estate of the millionaire founder of the Hargadine-Clark Co. is being held up. The estate is being held up by the fact that the heirs are so numerous that the estate cannot be settled. The estate is being held up by the fact that the heirs are so numerous that the estate cannot be settled. The estate is being held up by the fact that the heirs are so numerous that the estate cannot be settled.